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O R 021000 Z MAY 73 FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1036 USDEL JEC FRANCE

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E. O. 11652: N/ A TAGS: PINS, VS

SUBJECT: SCHEDULED RELEASE TO PRG OF TRAN NGOC CHAU

**REF: STATE 080977** 

- 1. RVN MILITARY SPOKESMAN LT. COLONEL LE TRUNG HIEN TOLD EMBOFF THIS MORNING THAT FORMER DEPUTY TRAN NGOC CHAU IS ON INITIAL LIST OF 750 CIVILIAN DETAINEES WHICH RVN HAS SCHEDULED TO TURN OVER TO PRG AT LOC NINH. (FIRST 100, NOT INCLUDING CHAU, WERE RELEASED BY RVN AT LOC NINH APRIL 28.) PLANNED RELEASE OF ANOTHER 400, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2, WAS CANCELLED DUE TO UNSPECIFIED PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE ICCS, BUT IS LIKELY TO RE RESCHEDULED FOR MAY 3. HIEN COULD NOT CONFIRM WHETHER CHAU WOULD BE INCLUDED IN NEXT 400 TO BE RELEASED, OR IN REMAINING 250, BUT HE IS IN ANY EVENT DUE TO BE TURNED OVER TO OTHER SIDE IN NEAR FUTURE, PERHAPS BEFORE END OF WEEK.
- 2. HIEN ALSO STATED THAT CHAU'S NAME HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM AND PUT BACK ON LIST OF 750 " SEVERAL TIMES." HE STATED UNEQUIVOCALLY, HOWEVER, THAT CHAU NOW IS ON LIST.
- 3. THIS INFORMATION CONFIRMED IN GVN AFTERNOON PRESS BRIEFING. GVN SPOKESMAN BUI BAO TRUC STATED FOR THE RECORD THAT CHAU IS ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE LIST OF 750 AND THAT HIS RELEASE TO THE OTHER SIDE COULD BE
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ED TO TAKE PLACE BRFORE LONG.
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